JOURNAL

of the

UNITED NATIONS

FRIDAY, 8 OCTOBER 1999 No. 1999/193

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 8 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9.15 a.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal and Sao Tome and Principe (A/54/232);

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by South Africa (A/54/233);

(c) Letter from the Chairman of the Second Committee addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/438)

10 a.m. 31st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [37]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/220);

   (b) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (A/54/45 and Corr.1 and Add.1);

   (c) Draft decisions (A/54/45 and Corr.1, par. 71, A/54/45/Add.1, par. 6)

2. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/400) [16 (a)]

3. Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/54/L.7) [162]

(continued overleaf)

4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization: draft resolution (A/54/L.5) [167]

5. Granting of observer status in the General Assembly for the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization: draft resolution (A/54/L.8) [168]

3 p.m. 32nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/54/1) [10]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations [92]: draft resolution I (A/54/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

2. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [93]: draft resolution II (A/54/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

3. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (item 18): draft decision (A/54/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

4. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [94]: draft resolution III (A/54/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

5. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [95]: draft resolution (A/C.4/54/L.5)

6. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

   (a) Question of Western Sahara: draft resolution (A/C.4/54/L.3)

   (b) Question of Gibraltar: draft decision (A/C.4/54/L.4)

   (c) Question of New Caledonia: draft resolution IV (A/54/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

   (d) Question of Tokelau: draft resolution V (A/54/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

   (e) Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands: draft resolution VI (A/54/23 (Part III), chap. XIII)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 7th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate *(concluded)*:

Sierra Leone
United Republic of Tanzania
Jordan
Saudi Arabia
Cuba
El Salvador
Kazakhstan
Singapore
Egypt
Republic of Korea
Israel
China
Uganda
World Meteorological Organization
Cameroon
Ethiopia
Malaysia
Paraguay
Benin
Venezuela
Antigua and Barbuda

Tunisia
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Bolivia
Armenia
Dominican Republic
Chile
Republic of Moldova

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(d) Science and technology for development

(e) External debt crisis and development

(A/54/270, A/54/370, A/54/56, A/54/94-S/1999/518, A/54/170, A/54/175)

Introduction and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 1

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106] (A/54/3*, A/54/56, A/54/57, A/54/59, A/54/61 and Corr.1, A/54/62, A/54/66-E/1999/6, A/54/98, A/54/128-E/1999/70, A/54/256, A/54/268, A/54/388 and A/C.3/54/L.2)

Conclusion of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account (A/53/945 and A/53/7/Add.12))

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	11th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

* * *

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission

2. Executive session on administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund/Membership of the Investments Committee

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Friday, 8 October 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9.15 a.m.- 9.45 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on Second Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on a draft resolution on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: a society for all ages)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda sub-items 40 (b) and (c): oceans and law of the sea)

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

* * *

There will be a coordinating meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) on disarmament issues, organized by the delegation of Myanmar to the First Committee, *today*, 8 October 1999, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room E.

* * *

There will be a closed meeting of the East Timor Support Group, organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, *today*, 8 October 1999, at 11.45 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

* * *

Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

* * *

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 11 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* * *

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

* * *

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will begin its general debate on all disarmament and international security items from 11 to 20 October 1999. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with the Secretariat of the First Committee (room S-2977B; tel.: (212) 963-0049; fax: (212) 963-5305).

*

* *

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the theme "Taking Stock of the Reform of the International Financial Architecture" will take place on Wednesday, 13 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panel is in support of the Second Committee's consideration of agenda items 97 (a) (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development) and 97 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries). The panellists will be Mr. Jack Boorman, Director, Policy Development and Review Department, International Monetary Fund; Mr. Rodrigo Briones, Director, Deutsche Asset Management Americas, Deutsche Bank; Ms. Stephany Griffith-Jones, Senior Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University; and Mr. Martin Mayer, Guest Scholar, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution.

* * *

Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November will open in New York on Monday, 11 October. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on a draft resolution on external debt and development)* on Monday, 11 October 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

* * *

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 37 (Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development), under the chairmanship of Ms. Marcela Nicodemos (Brazil), on Monday, 11 October 1999, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

* * *

Briefings

In connection with the Second Committee consideration of agenda item 97 (d) (Science and technology for development), the Assistant Director-General of UNESCO for Science, Mr. Maurizio Iaccarino, will give a briefing on the results of the World Conference on Science: Science for the Twenty-first Century (Budapest 26 June-1 July 1999) on Monday, 11 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, with the participation of H.E. Mr. André Erdös, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

* * *

Equality Now and the Group on Equal Rights for Women in the United Nations will hold a briefing on commitments by governments to the Platform of Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995) on Monday, 11 October 1999, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited.

* * *

The Office of the Iraq Programme will hold a briefing on the submission of applications for the oil-for-food programme on Tuesday, 12 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The briefing is open to all interested Member and Observer States, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations. For further information, please call (212) 963-3083.

* * *

There will be a briefing, convened by the Chairpersons of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Preparatory Committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", on Thursday, 14 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9, on the organization of work of the forty-fourth session of the Commission and the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

*

* *

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held on the following days: Wednesday, 13 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Friday, 15 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 19 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Friday, 22 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The conference rooms will be announced at a later date.

* * *

Seminars

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third and final session of their 1999 series "Sustainable Development in Practice" Session III, entitled "Climate Change Governance: Fifth Session of the Conference of Parties and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations." The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on 13 and 14 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

* * *

A seminar on "The Development and Reform of Pension Systems", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the International Labour Office, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. The seminar, held within the framework of preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, will be conducted by Mr. Colin Gillion, Director of the Department of Social Security of ILO. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Steven Miller (tel.: (212) 963-7535).

* * *

Symposium

A symposium on "Nuclear Doctrines", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

* * *

Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 13 October 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 6 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

28th plenary meeting

Advancement of women: draft resolution (A/54/L.4) [109]

The President reminded the General Assembly the decision it took at its 3rd plenary meeting on 17 September 1999 to consider agenda item 109 directly in plenary, for the sole purpose of taking action on the draft resolution A/54/L.4, which was recommended to the Assembly for adoption by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1999/13 of 28 July 1999, on the understanding that this would not set a precedent.

The Assembly adopted the draft resolution A/54/L.4 (resolution 54/4)

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 109

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [37]

(a) Report of the Secretary General (A/54/220)

(b) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (A/54/45 and Corr.1 and Add.1)

(c) Draft decisions I, II, and III (A/54/45, para.71 and Corr.1); and IV (A/54/45/Add.1, para.6).

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 37.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Cyprus, Malta, Iceland and Liechtenstein), Côte d' Ivoire, India, Mexico, Norway, Mongolia, Croatia, Cuba, Chile, Viet Nam, Japan, Indonesia, Peru, Jordan and Tunisia.

Thursday, 7 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

29th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/54/1) [10]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Brazil, Liechtenstein, Namibia, Ukraine, Argentina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Austria, Iraq, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

30th plenary meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (A/54/220) [37]

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United States, Guatemala, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Namibia, Pakistan, Algeria, the Philippines, Venezuela, Bangladesh, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Swaziland, Senegal, Egypt, Ecuador and the United Arab Emirates.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 6th meeting

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 92, 93, 94 and 12, and 95

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Spain, Yemen, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Brazil, Tunisia, Kenya, Fiji, Chile, Morocco, Senegal, Bolivia, Haiti, the United Republic of Tanzania and Namibia.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Botswana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Costa Rica, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa, Myanmar, Mongolia, San Marino, Turkey, Nepal, Bhutan, Mali and Haiti.

6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Oman, Yemen, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Jamaica, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Viet Nam, the Sudan, Belarus, Saint Lucia, Ecuador, Kenya, the Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

The observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Mexico (also on behalf of the Rio Group), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of Member States of the Caribbean Community), Malaysia, Nepal, the Sudan, Ukraine, Thailand, Ghana, Turkey, Cyprus, the Russian Federation, Uganda, Ecuador, Iraq and Jamaica, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Sudan (7 October 1999)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

There will be a seminar on "Church, Synagogue, Mosque: Solutions for the Modern Society", organized by the Permanent Observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Interior Minister of the Government of Argentina and the Family Minister of the Government of Nicaragua, *today*, 8 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Diana T. Kilarjian (tel.: (212) 754-5948).

Published at Headquarters, New York ,
by the Department of General Assembly Affairs
and Conference Services.

99-28841